

**State Agencies' Action Plan Status Report  
for Fiscal Year 2000**

Action ID	Action Item Title	Lead Agency	FTE	Biennial Total	Tasks Planned for Fiscal Year 2000	Status
ENSURING ADEQUATE WATER IN STREAMS FOR FISH						
Wqn-1	Adopt instream flows in high priority basins	ECY	5	850,000	Identify target watersheds for flow establishment.	ECY and WDFW have identified and prioritized watersheds targeted for flow establishment which are listed in the Statewide Strategy to Recover Salmon.
					Carry out instream flow studies and develop recommendations for basins studied.	ECY and WDFW conducted/participated in instream flow studies in lower Columbia tributaries, the Walla Walla, Skagit, Samish, Quilcene, Methow, Entiat, as well as southeast Washington streams and Wenatchee tributaries. In addition, WDFW has conducted less intensive instream flow studies in many other streams. Based on these studies, WDFW has recommended instream flows in many streams.
					Consult with watershed planning groups, tribes and others.	ECY and WDFW are consulting with local watershed planning groups to provide them with technical assistance and information, and understanding of instream flow issues in Methow, Skagit, Quilcene, Dungeness, Nooksack, Entiat, Spokane, Little Spokane, Deschutes, and Colville watersheds.  Draft instream flow policy white paper to begin meshing ESA obligations, Instream Flow Program, and state water law has been prepared and is being widely reviewed.
					Propose and adopt rules to set instream flows for the Skagit watershed.	A document on scope of the instream flow rules for the lower Skagit River was filed in the State Register in July 1999. Draft rules were filed in fall 2000. Adoption is planned for March 2001. Local groups are being consulted.
Wqn-2	Develop a stream flow restoration Memorandum of Understanding to serve as template	ECY	0.5	85,000	Develop water flow restoration for the Methow basin which includes a list of possible flow restoration tools and funding sources for restoration of flows.	Continuing intense efforts in the Methow Basin to address instream flow needs and recovery of endangered and threatened species. A Methow Memorandum of Agreement is in the final negotiation stage. The agreement includes a stream enhancement program and water conservation measures.
					Provide technical assistance and advice to watershed efforts (e.g. Dungeness watershed) addressing instream flows.	Continuing to provide assistance to local watershed groups. There has been good cooperation in Dungeness basin, however, there is a need for involvement from federal agencies.
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Wqn-3	Begin implementation of stream flow restoration plans in high priority basins	ECY	2.00	1,340,000.00	Select basins for flow restoration, and engage local watershed groups in flow restoration efforts.	Methow, Dungeness, Walla Walla, Yakima, and other basins are working on flow restoration. ECY and WDFW are working to build water restoration into local watershed plans and Habitat Conservation Plans. No stand-alone flow restoration plans have been developed.
					Secure funding sources, and begin implementation of water flow restoration tools in selected basins.	Negotiating potential \$1.6 million in water purchase/lease - agreements in Methow, Okanogan, Yakima, Walla Walla.
Wqn-4	Implement water conservation and waste water reuse programs	ECY, DOH	8.5	12,375,000	Provide technical and financial assistance to public water suppliers and irrigation districts on water conservation, water use efficiency and waste water reuse programs.	ECY has taken a variety of actions which resulted in significant water savings and efficiencies (e.g. Methow Irrigation Systems). Currently have 22 active water supply and drought preparedness projects. ECY is also targeting projects that need flow restoration in the Methow, Dungeness, and Yakima.
					Ensure that public water supply plans, sewer plans, and other water plans fully explore and utilize water conservation and reuse opportunities prior to system expansion.	Seven reclaimed water projects were constructed and came online in FY00. Three more projects are under construction, seven are in the planning phase and 17 are in the study phase.
Subtotal			16	14,650,000		